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## PRESS RELEASE

### **PACIFIC RESILIENCE DISASTER RELIEF EXERCISE AND EXCHANGE WORKSHOP**

**Dhaka, August 18 --** Bangladesh Armed Forces and the U.S. Army Pacific announced today their participation in the Pacific Resilience Disaster Relief Exercise and Exchange (PR DREE) to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The exercise runs from August 18-21, 2014.

The Bangladesh PR DREE is an annual civil-military disaster preparedness and response initiative between the Government of Bangladesh and the U.S. Army Pacific. This is the fifth iteration of this exercise, which enhances the steadfast relationship between the United States of America and the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Pacific Resilience DREE is a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise featuring 150 participants working through a table-top exercise, and 400 participants working through a phased field training exercise.

The table-top exercise and field training exercise will emphasize civil-military integration in field command and control, urban search and rescue techniques and practices, engineering assessment capacity, and debris management.

Participants will work toward operating a multi-national coordination plan that integrates responses across civil and military institutions.

The DREE will involve a wide range of Bangladesh government and non-government organizations. It will also include international observers from neighboring countries including the Maldives, Malaysia, Nepal, India, and Japan.

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